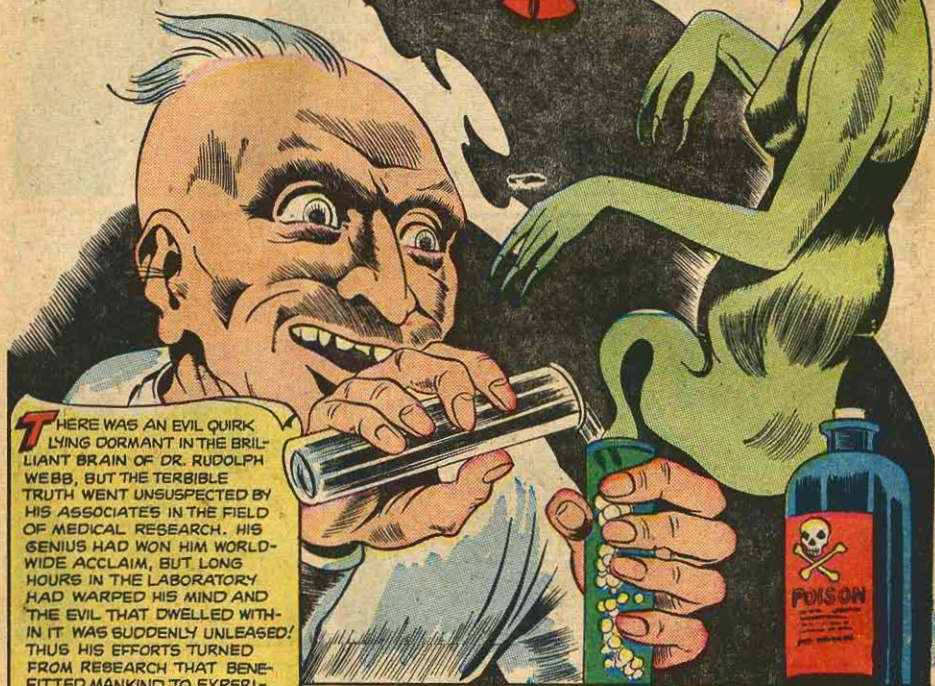


DR. WEBB'S WEIRD DISCOVERY



THERE WAS AN EVIL QUIRK LYING DORMANT IN THE BRILLIANT BRAIN OF DR. RUDOLPH WEBB, BUT THE TERRIBLE TRUTH WENT UNSUSPECTED BY HIS ASSOCIATES IN THE FIELD OF MEDICAL RESEARCH. HIS GENIUS HAD WON HIM WORLD-WIDE ACCLAIM, BUT LONG HOURS IN THE LABORATORY HAD WARPED HIS MIND AND THE EVIL THAT DWELLED WITHIN IT WAS SUDDENLY UNLEASHED! THUS HIS EFFORTS TURNED FROM RESEARCH THAT BENEFITTED MANKIND TO EXPERIMENTS SO INHUMAN AND UNHOLY THAT HIS CLOSEST FRIENDS PLOTTED TO DESTROY HIM!



ONE EVENING IN AUGUST, DR. WEBB PAID AN UNEXPECTED VISIT TO DR. MEADE'S RESIDENCE. MEADE'S NIECE, MARTHA, AND HER FIANCE', TONY, KENDALL, WERE PRESENT...

YOU'RE HOLDING BACK, DR. WEBB! YOU RARELY MAKE A SOCIAL CALL UNLESS YOU HAVE A STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE.

RIGHT, TONY. BRACE YOURSELF FOR A SHOCK!

THROUGH MY EXPERIMENTS WITH HUMAN AND ANIMAL HORMONES, I HAVE DISCOVERED A METHOD FOR SCRAMBLING THE SPECIES! FOR EXAMPLE, BY HORMONE INJECTIONS, A WOMAN WOULD SUDDENLY DEVELOPE FELINE CHARACTERISTICS!









BIND HIS WRISTS AND DRAG HIM DOWN TO THE LABORATORY. BAT WILL BRING THE OTHERS!



THROUGH A SECRET PASSAGE FROM THE BASEMENT, THE TALONED CREATURE DRAGS TONY TO A CAVERNOUS SUB-CELLAR...



THE LAZY IDIOT DIDN'T TIE KEN-DALL'S WRISTS, BUT HE WON'T REGAIN HIS SENSES BEFORE I'M I'M THROUGH WITH HIM!



NOW, DR. MEADE, I WILL DEMONSTRATE MY GENIUS. BEFORE YOUR EYES, I WILL CHANGE THAT WOMAN IN THE CAGE INTO A SNARLING CAT!



BAT DRAGS FORTH THE SHRIEKING VICTIM...

STRAP HER DOWN SECURELY, BAT!

DON'T TORTURE ME! PLEASE! THE SHOCK WILL KILL ME!



THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF, MY PRETTY KITTEN! THIS DOESN'T HURT!



TWO MINUTES LATER, THE STRAPS ARE REMOVED...

THERE! YOU'RE CHANGING ALREADY!



A COMPLETE TRANSFORMATION! THROW HER IN THE CAGE, BAT! THEN STRAP MARTHA MEADE TO THE TABLE!



NO! NO!

MUSN'T LET WEBB KNOW I'VE REGAINED MY SENSES! WHEN THIS DIZZINESS PASSES, I'LL ACT QUICKLY!



YOU'RE A PRIZE SPECIMEN, MARTHA. YOU'LL MAKE A BEAUTIFUL, DOCILE CAT!



TALON SENSES THAT TONY IS CONSCIOUS, AND TIES HIS WRISTS...

I WAS TOO WEAK TO STOP HIM, BUT THE BONDS AREN'T AS TIGHT AS THEY MIGHT BE. MY STRENGTH IS COMING BACK...



ANOTHER SPECTATOR NOW THAT KENDALL'S AWAKE!

HAVEN'T THE POLICE COME YET? I MUST DELAY HIM AS LONG AS POSSIBLE!



HE LIES, MASTER! I WAS UPSTAIRS. NO POLICE CAR STOPS OUTSIDES.



A BOTTLE JUST SMASHED! ETHER! I'D BETTER GET OFF THE FLOOR BEFORE THE FUMES KNOCK ME OUT!



A SPARK FROM A HOBNAIL BOOT IGNITES THE VOLATILE FUMES, DRAWING ATTENTION FROM TONY...

STAND BACK, YOU FOOL, OR YOU'LL BE BURNED! IT WILL BURN ITSELF OUT IN A MINUTE!



ALL EYES ARE ON MARTHA, AND BAT LEFT THE KEY IN THIS LOCK! IF THIS CAT WOMAN'S BRAIN IS STILL HUMAN, SHE'LL FREE MY ARMS.



SHE KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON! I CAN DEPEND ON HER TO FIGHT ON OUR SIDE!



MASTER! THE CAT WOMAN IS OUT OF HER CASE! SHE'LL KILL US ALL!

THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR. SHE HASN'T LEARNED TO USE HER CLAWS. THROW KENDALL IN THE CELL WITH HER!



IN A BLACK RACE, TONY LUNGES TO MEET THE TALONED ONE'S ASSAULT!

I'LL TEAR THOSE HIDEOUS

LIMBS FROM YOUR TORG SPIDER MAN!

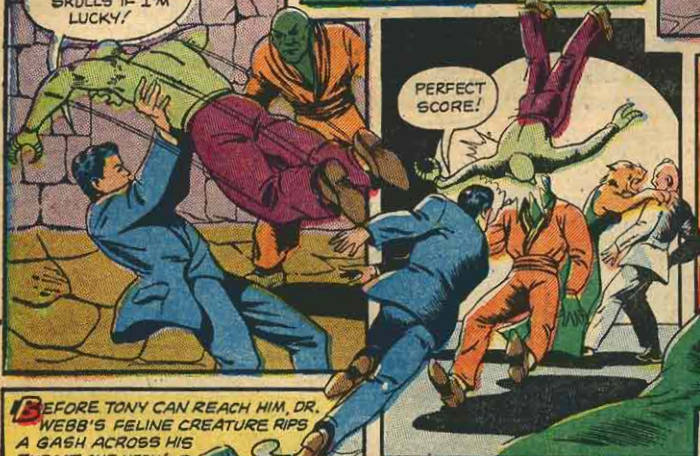


TONY DUCKS THE VICIOUS TALONS AND SHOOTS HIS ARMS AROUND THE CREATURE'S MIDRIF!

I NEED SOMETHING TO THROW, AND YOU'RE IT!!



HERE GOES! TWO FRACTURED SKULLS IF I'M LUCKY!



PERFECT SCORE!



BAT! TALON! PULL THIS CAT WOMAN AWAY! SHE'S AT MY THROAT!



BEFORE TONY CAN REACH HIM, DR. WEBB'S FELINE CREATURE RIPS A GASH ACROSS HIS THROAT AND NECK!

THAT SAVES ME THE TROUBLE OF KILLING THE FIEND!



IF I'D HAD THE CHANCE, I WOULD HAVE KILLED HIM MYSELF TONY!

LOOK! THE CAT WOMAN COLLAPSED! SHE'S DYING!



I THINK THE SHOCK OF EXCITEMENT WAS TOO MUCH FOR HER. BEFORE WE CALL THE POLICE, YOUR UNCLE AND I WILL BURN ALL OF WEBB'S LAB RECORDS SO HIS DREADFUL THEORIES WILL NEVER BE KNOWN!

AN EXCELLENT IDEA, TONY!